

House Resolution No. 4129

Whereas, the members of Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has wholeheartedly dedicated his life in service to the Lord; and

Whereas, the Reverend Sammie Earl Jones, a treasured resident of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, is celebrating twenty-five years of exceptional service and dedication to Mount Zion Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Pastor Jones came into this world in Doddsville, Mississippi, on August 1, 1949, as the eldest son born to Ms. Bessie L. Jones, who welcomed him into her heart as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, baptized in the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church at the age of twelve, Pastor Jones answered the call to the ministry at the Olivet Baptist Church in 1973; and

Whereas, Pastor Jones dutifully served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 and the Army Reserves from 1969 to 1976, and embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Sandra Elaine Kelly, a kind and loving woman with whom he has shared the love of one fine son, the Reverend Shaun Ellison Jones; and

Whereas, a 1992 graduate of Lindenwood College, Pastor Jones received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Western Baptist Bible College and earned an Associate Degree from Saint Louis University in 1976; and

Whereas, a member of the MoreHouse College Board of Preachers in Atlanta since 1994, Pastor Jones served the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbia from 1976 to 1979, and went on to serve as an Executive Member of the Urban League of Saint Louis, Executive Committee Member of the Billy Graham Crusade, Board Member of Saint Louis Connect Care, Appointed Member of the Community Adversary Committee of the Missouri Foundation for Health, and Appointed Member of the AmerenUE CDC board:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Jones as he is honored for his twenty-five years of unparalleled service to Mount Zion Baptist Church during a special celebration to be held September 23-26, 2004; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Sammie Earl Jones.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4129, adopted September 22, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker